

PRAISE FOR LOCAL HEROES IN ATLANTA

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise courageous fire fighters in the City of Atlanta.

On Monday afternoon, members of the Atlanta City Fire Department fought a raging fire through the historic Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill in southeast Atlanta. Mr. Ivers Sims was trapped on a crane 220 feet in the air. As I watched this human drama unfold from my office, my heart stopped.

Demonstrating extraordinary courage and skill, fire fighter Matt Moseley and helicopter pilot Capt. Boyd Clines lifted Mr. Sims from his dangerous perch like angels from the heavens. They saved his life. This brilliant rescue has made the City of Atlanta, the State of Georgia, and our Nation proud.

The fire fighters and Mr. Sims have my profound respect for their raw courage and extraordinary calm and determination under the most dangerous of circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to praise fire fighters throughout the Nation who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our communities.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GIBBONS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, on April 22.

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, on April 20.

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, on April 21.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On April 16, 1999:

H.R. 911. To designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building."

H.R. 1376. To extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1561. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the calendar year 1997 report on "Extraordinary Contractual Actions to Facilitate the National Defense," pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1434; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1562. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the actions of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF) for Fiscal Year 1998 (FY98), pursuant to Public Law 101-510; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1563. A letter from the Principal Deputy for the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology) of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting an interim report on their efforts to develop a "Plan for Improved Demilitarization of Excess and Surplus Defense Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1564. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on an integrated program for the development and demonstration of technologies for the demilitarization and disposal of conventional munitions, rockets, and explosives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1565. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on Department of Defense reimbursement of contractor environmental response action costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1566. A letter from the Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for 1998, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2012(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1567. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Annual/Quarterly Report on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6241(g)(8); to the Committee on Commerce.

1568. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Twenty-third Annual Report to Congress entitled "Automotive Fuel Economy Program," pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 32916; to the Committee on Commerce.

1569. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Quality Assurance—received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1570. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled "Report to Congress on Wastes from the Combustion of Fossil Fuels"; to the Committee on Commerce.

1571. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the

Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Exemptions From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices [Docket No. 98P-0833] received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

1572. A letter from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting the Egypt Economic Report; to the Committee on International Relations.

1573. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Encryption Items [Docket No. 9809-11233-8318-02] (RIN: 0694-AB80) received March 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1574. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a national interest determination and waiver of Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, relating to assistance to Honduras; to the Committee on International Relations.

1575. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Procurement List Additions—received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1576. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) Accomplishments Report for Fiscal Year 1998, pursuant to Public Law 96-465 section 105(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1577. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the agency's twelfth annual report on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees covering fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7363; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1578. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Temporary and Term Employment (RIN: 3206-A145) received April 7, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1579. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1580. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a funding announcement concerning the request for proposals for the Coastal Ocean Program's U.S. GLOBEC project; to the Committee on Resources.

1581. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 981202293-9075-02; I.D. 110998F] (RIN: 0648-AJ33) received April 6, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1582. A letter from the Director, Government Relations, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, transmitting the Girl Scouts of the United States of America 1998 Annual Report, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 37; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1583. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Little League Baseball,